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March 18, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER D1514104 FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR A PUBLIC BEACH SAFETY PROGRAM FOR MONITORING WATER QUALITY**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on January 15, 2013, to accept grants from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), at amounts determined by the SWRCB, for ocean water quality monitoring and public notification service, for the period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2018, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept Grant Agreement Number D1514104, issued by the SWRCB on February 19, 2016, in the amount of \$315,000, comprised of State funds totaling \$135,000 and United States Environmental Protection Agency funds totaling \$180,000 for the term July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. These funds will allow the Department of Public Health Environmental Health Recreational Waters Program to continue to monitor water quality at public beaches and provide all locational data, monitoring data, and notification data, in accordance with the SWRCB's requirements.

The Grant Agreement includes a requirement that the County maintain a self-insurance program. As the County is self-insured, the State has agreed to accept the County's Certificate of Self-Funding of Insurance Obligation for its liabilities. The Grant Agreement also requires the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses relating to the Agreement. This is a standard requirement of the State and cannot be waived. I have been advised by Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks to be acceptable in light of the need for the program funds and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the grant agreement and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors